WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A data management system for managing data by individually appending meta data for a data search to data to be managed, comprising:

5   means for accepting selection of the data to which the meta data is to be appended;

means for providing predetermined candidates of meta data;

means for accepting selection of meta data to be
10 appended to the selected data from the provided candidates of meta data; and

means for saving the selected data and the selected meta data in association with each other.

2.   The system according to claim 1, further
15 comprising:

means for accepting input of a search condition used to search for the data; and

means for searching for the data associated with the search condition on the basis of the input search
20 condition and the meta data.

3.   The system according to claim 1, wherein said means for accepting selection of the data accepts selection of partial data of the data, and said saving means saves the partial data and the meta data in
25 association with each other.

4.   The system according to claim 3, wherein the data is moving image data, and the partial data is frame image data which forms the moving image data.

5.   The system according to claim 1, wherein the candidates of meta data are defined for respective events in everyday life, and are provided in units of events.

6.   The system according to claim 5, further comprising:

means for accepting selection of the event, and

wherein the candidates of meta data associated with the selected event are provided.

7.   The system according to claim 1, wherein the data is data of an image, and

said system further comprises means for displaying the image associated with the selected data and the candidates of meta data together.

8.   The system according to claim 1, wherein the data is at least one of image data and audio data, or a combination thereof.

9.   A data management method for managing data by individually appending meta data for a data search to data to be managed, comprising:

the step of accepting selection of the data to which the meta data is to be appended;

the step of providing predetermined candidates of meta data;

the step of accepting selection of meta data to be appended to the selected data from the provided candidates of meta data; and

the step of saving the selected data and the
selected meta data in association with each other.

10. A program for, upon managing data by individually appending meta data for a data search to data to be managed, making a computer function as:

means for accepting selection of the data to
which the meta data is to be appended;

means for providing predetermined candidates of meta data;

means for accepting selection of meta data to be appended to the selected data from the provided
candidates of meta data; and

means for saving the selected data and the selected meta data in association with each other.

11. A data management system for managing data by individually appending meta data for a data search to
data to be managed, comprising:

means for accepting selection of the data to which the meta data is to be appended;

means for providing predetermined candidates of meta data;

means for accepting selection of meta data to be appended to the selected data from the provided candidates of meta data;

means for saving the selected data and the selected meta data in association with each other;

means for accepting input of a search condition used to search for the data;

5   means for searching for the data associated with the search condition on the basis of the input search condition and the meta data; and

means for partially providing contents of the data found by search.

10   12.   The system according to claim 11, further comprising:

means for accepting selection of data that provides contents thereof from the data found by search;

15   means for acquiring another data associated with the selected data; and

providing means for providing contents of the selected data and the other acquired data.

13.   The system according to claim 12, wherein the

20   data is data of a moving image, and

said providing means provides by displaying a series of moving images consisting of a moving image of the selected data and a moving image of the other acquired data.

25   14.   The system according to claim 11, wherein the data is at least one of image data and audio data, or a combination thereof.

15.   A data management method for managing data by individually appending meta data for a data search to data to be managed, comprising:

the step of accepting selection of the data to
5   which the meta data is to be appended;

the step of providing predetermined candidates of meta data;

the step of accepting selection of meta data to be appended to the selected data from the provided
10 candidates of meta data;

the step of saving the selected data and the selected meta data in association with each other;

the step of accepting input of a search condition used to search for the data;
15   the step of searching for the data associated with the search condition on the basis of the input search condition and the meta data; and

the step of partially providing contents of the data found by search.
20 16.   A program for, upon managing data by individually appending meta data for a data search to data to be managed, making a computer function as:

means for accepting selection of the data to which the meta data is to be appended;
25   means for providing predetermined candidates of meta data;

means for accepting selection of meta data to be appended to the selected data from the provided candidates of meta data;

means for saving the selected data and the

5   selected meta data in association with each other;

means for accepting input of a search condition used to search for the data;

means for searching for the data associated with the search condition on the basis of the input search

10   condition and the meta data; and

means for partially providing contents of the data found by search.

17.   A data management system for managing data by individually appending meta data for a data search to

15   data to be managed, comprising:

means for providing predetermined candidates of meta data;

means for accepting selection of meta data from the provided candidates of meta data;

20   means for inputting data to which the selected meta data is appended; and

means for saving the selected meta data and the input data in association with each other.

18.   The system according to claim 17, further

25   comprising:

means for accepting input of a search condition used to search for the data;

means for searching for the data associated with the search condition on the basis of the input search condition and the meta data; and

means for partially providing contents of the data found by search.

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19. A data management method for managing data by individually appending meta data for a data search to data to be managed, comprising:

the step of providing predetermined candidates of meta data;

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the step of accepting selection of meta data from the provided candidates of meta data;

the step of inputting data to which the selected meta data is appended; and

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the step of saving the selected meta data and the input data in association with each other.

20. A program for, upon managing data by individually appending meta data for a data search to data to be managed, making a computer function as:

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means for providing predetermined candidates of meta data;

means for accepting selection of meta data from the provided candidates of meta data;

means for inputting data to which the selected

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meta data is appended; and

means for saving the selected meta data and the input data in association with each other.